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Kidnapping Wednesday, April 10, leads to arrest a Coffee County man and his father

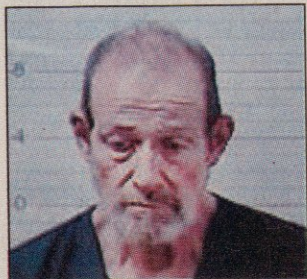
Coffee County officials arrested two county residents Wednesday night, April 10, in conjunction with a kidnapping reported earlier in the day.

According to Coffee County Chief Deputy R.W. Whitworth, officials received a call around 9 a.m. last Wednesday morning that a female had been kidnapped at gunpoint from Coffee County Road 114 in the New Hope community. After responding to the scene, he said deputies determined that Jeremy Morgan, age 34, of County Road 133, Jack, Ala., had allegedly taken a



Jeremy Morgan

female at gunpoint. Law enforcement from Coffee County, Dale County, and ALEA [Alabama Law Enforcement Agency] searched areas around Dale and Coffee County for the majority of the day. At approximately 10 p.m. that



Ronald Morgan

night, the vehicle the suspect was reported to be driving was stopped by officers on County Road 114, in the same area where the alleged kidnapping took place; however, the vehicle was being driven at the time of the traffic stop by the suspect's father, Ronald Morgan, age 65. He was taken into custody by officials.

Whitworth said the investigation later revealed the suspect, Jeremy Morgan, was believed to be at his father's home. He was taken into custody at 50 County Road 133 in Coffee County.

Jeremy Morgan was charged with kidnapping – first degree, burglary – first degree, and other charges are pending. Ronald Morgan was charged with obstructing a government operation. He too has additional charges pending, according to Chief Whitworth. Both suspects were placed in the Coffee County Jail.

Whitworth said the victim suffer bruises and abrasions but was otherwise unharmed.

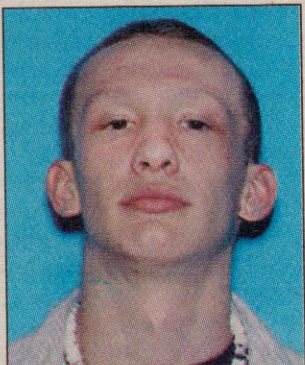
Coffee County officials issue missing person alert on Tuesday, April 16th

The Coffee County Sheriff's Department sent out a plea Tuesday afternoon, April 16, for assistance in locating a missing juvenile.

Johnathan Helton was reported by his family as a missing/runaway juvenile Monday, April 15, from the New Brockton, Alabama area, according to information from the Coffee County Sheriff's Department.

Anyone with any information about Johnathan is asked to contact the Coffee County Sheriff's Office at 334-894-5535, 334-897-2555, or at www.coffeees.us; or contact the nearest law enforcement agency.

A family member's post



Johnathan Helton was reported missing by his family after last being seen Monday afternoon, April 15th

on Facebook indicated he was last seen wearing jeans, black/grey t-shirt, black and grey hat, tan workboots and carrying a white drawstring backpack.



SINGLE VEHICLE ACCIDENT NEAR ELBA...Local law enforcement responded Friday, April 12, just before the noon hour to a single vehicle accident on Alabama Highway 166, just outside of Elba. Upon arrival on scene, emergency responders found a Chrysler Town and Country van, driven by JoAnna Elizabeth Workman, of Elba, had overturned. Elba Police officer Dalton Francis is shown talking with Workman while awaiting arrival of the Elba Fire and Haynes Ambulance. Reports are that Workman escaped the incident unharmed.

Elba Senior Citizens Center gets facelift

by Linda Hodge, Editor

During the Elba City Council meeting held Monday, April 8, assistant city clerk Pat Boothe noted the Elba Senior Citizens Center was getting a 'facelift' with new paint on the walls and new flooring.

Boothe said this was all part of the center's budget, and that the improvement work was looking good.

Senior center director Donna Falls said this week that the center would also be getting new blinds for the windows, but she was excited to see the work done in time for the center to be decorated for Easter.

"It looks really good, and we are very excited," Falls said of the new look for the center. "We've got our Easter tree ready and the tables are decorated, and it all looks great with the new vibrant wall color."

Also during the council meeting, the assistant clerk reported work was under way for the playground



The Elba Senior Center is ready for Easter and looking good with the newly painted walls.

phase of the improvement projects at Hawkins-Williams park. This is all part of a grant received for the parks and recreation department. Work began on the playground last week and is expected, if all goes according to plan, to be completed by the end of this week or early next week.

While discussing the parks and recreation department, Boothe said the roof had been repaired on the concession stand at Legion Field. She added that a new logo sign was going to be installed at Legion Field for Elba Parks and Recreation.

Boothe said this sign would be very noticeable and should garner lots of attention with travelers riding by the park, which is located on the Troy Highway in Elba.

Boothe had a positive report to give regarding the Elba Public Library as well. She said a lot of work had been going on in the library lately to give it a more attractive appearance to the public.

Boothe said library director Jennifer Amlong and her staff had been working very hard to make several improvements, and the library was looking really good.

The assistant city clerk said the library had received \$3,500 from United Way this year and a \$1,000 grant from Wal-Mart, and each would be very helpful for the library.

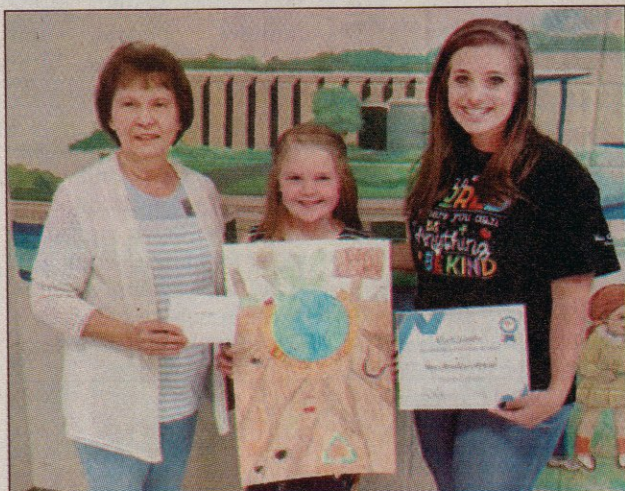
Boothe added that Amlong had applied for a \$15,000 LSTA (Library Services and Technology Act) grant. She said hopefully good news would be on the horizon for that grant.

The council made two appointments to the ERA Board. Leslie Starks was appointed to a 6-year term on the board, expiring Feb. 2025. Trey Gary was appointed to complete the term of Jerry Kelley on the board, expiring Feb. 2023.

Both appointments were unanimous.



American Legion Posst 42 Commander Jennie Reed and Travis Parker, Enterprise Civitan President and Coffee County Veterans Coordinator lead a group of military veterans Saturday morning in dedicating a display of 660 flags representing the number of U.S. military veterans who commit suicide each month. The "Flags for Forgotten Soldiers" display is presently displayed at the Veterans Park, located on the grounds of National Security Insurance Company's corporate headquarters in Elba. The flags will be stay here until Memorial Day when they will be and placed on Veterans' graves.



The Coffee County Conservation District AACD 3rd grade classroom poster contest winner from Elba is Mary Brooklyn O'Neal. Pictured with Mary is Sue Leverett (left) and EES teacher Kelly Wilson (right).

Area Happenings

A COMMUNITY EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE will be held Sunday, April 21, at 6:15 a.m. at Westside Baptist Church, 1026 Caroline Street, Elba. Breakfast will follow in the activities building. All are welcome to attend.

THE APRIL 2019 MEETING FOR THE DAY WIREGRASS CHAPTER 99, located in New Brockton, Ala., will be held Thursday, April 25, at 6 p.m. at the New Brockton Senior Center. For further information, contact Charles Lobdell at 334-718-5707.

ELBA HIGH SCHOOL WAS CHOSEN AS AN OFFICIAL ALABAMA BICENTENNIAL SCHOOL this year! The community is invited to join the students to celebrate Alabama and Elba on Tuesday, April 30, at 3:30 at Elba High School for an oral history presentation of Elba's flood history, as well as, a short play by Elba High School students and a presentation of some of the student projects. There will be snacks and refreshments!



ELBA CHAMBER HOLDS RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY...The Elba Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting ceremony Friday morning, April 12, for the newly opened offices for Lake Realty, LLC in Elba. Owner/Broker Kaye Ellis and her husband, Wade, took on an extensive renovation of the Claxton Avenue house in downtown Elba that now is home to Lake Realty (shown above), which began around Thanksgiving 2018. The project is now complete and the Elba Chamber helped welcome the business to its new home. Elba Mayor Mickey Murdock is shown holding the "official scissors" for ribbon cuttings in Elba with the Ellis' standing on each side of him. The three are surrounded by Elba queens, Elba Chamber board members, Lake Realty employees and other friends of the local business.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"There's always somebody who is paid too much and taxed too little - and it's always somebody else." — Cullen Hightower

Well, Monday was income tax payment day in America. It was the last day to file the 2018 income tax forms, make the necessary payments or miss the deadline and pay the related penalty. Of course, a person can ask for an extension, but technically any outstanding tax is still due on the 15th or there is a penalty and interest added to the ultimate payment. We saw a headline on the internet Monday that claims the United States is the largest 'tax haven' in the world! We didn't stop to read the message but do challenge anyone to take an hour and find more than two or three working folks who would agree with that idea. Most of us grumble about paying 'such high taxes'.

An aside on April the 15 . . . Tax Day. It also marks the anniversary of the 1912 sinking of the brand new "unsinkable" luxury liner Titanic in the northern Atlantic Ocean. Approximately 1500 people lost their life in that shocking event. Also the event was not nearly as romantic as Hollywood made it in that still popular movie "Titanic".

There is speculation early this week that the long awaited 'Mueller Report' will hit the streets later this week . . . like maybe Thursday. We again predict there will be massive disagreement over what is or is not in the report. In fact the complaints have already started - by folks who know no more about the contents of the upcoming report than us folks in Elba. Then there will be the Donald Trump version, something that will be believed by the faithful Trump supporters and scoffed at by his detractors . . . but you can rest assured he will continue to voice his version regardless of the backlash. Apparently there is one nagging question that may or may not be answered in the redacted version that will be given to Congress and ultimately to the public. That is "Why did Mueller not voice an opinion on the question of Trump being guilty or innocent of obstructing justice? Whatever the direction this thing takes, the sun will come up the next morning and we can all expect it to be a better day in South Alabama!

Golf fans got to see Tiger Woods win the Masters tournament Sunday . . . again. We don't play golf, are not for or against Tiger Woods the Golfer but we do admire the grit of anyone who goes through what this man has gone through and refuses to give up. He not only will not give up, he comes back to the winner circle. There would be far fewer people on disability if others tried and succeeded in fighting back rather than settling for that monthly disability check. These slackers tarnish the image of the truly disabled.

It appears Alabama hunters will be able to legally set out some delicious food for the area deer and then shoot them as they come to eat. Both the House of Representatives and the Senate have passed similar bills legalizing baiting deer and/or feral hogs over bait. A little give and take between the two and it will be the law before next deer season. Something needs to be done about the exploding population of wild hogs, but we are not sure why they are including the White Tail Deer. One proponent of the new law is quoted as saying the existing law is not clear. That sounds like an excuse, not a reason for an open door for anyone willing to pay a nominal special tax for the permit.

The 800-year-old Notre Dame Cathedral, a landmark in Paris, France, was heavily damaged by a massive fire Monday. Hundreds of firefighters spent many hours pouring water on the blaze. TV shots of the inferno made us think there would be no more of the millions of annual tourist visits to this beautiful church but now it appears the majority of the building was saved. It will be a long time, but Catholic Church services will resume there. The Church survived countless wars, including relentless WWII bombings only to be hit hard by this age old villain . . . a house fire. Already, even before the fire was out, several million dollars have been pledged to restoring the beautiful landmark. We suspect it will take those millions and many, many more before the restoration work is complete.

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~ Socialism Rises ~

Guest Editorial by Daniel Sutter, Troy University

demonstrates otherwise.

Beginning after World War II and through the 1970s, Britain under Labour party governments would qualify as socialist. Britain had (and still has) the National Health Service, the single-payer system inspiring Medicare-for-All. Government control went much further. Coal mines, steel mills, railroads, airlines, telephones, and ship building were all nationalized. Television and radio were dominated by the government-funded BBC. Even automakers Rolls Royce and British Leyland were government-controlled.

The election of Margaret Thatcher and the Tories in 1979 greatly changed Britain. Yet the "Thatcher Revolution" was only figuratively a revolution. The Labour Party never sent Mrs. Thatcher to a gulag. Britain's economic performance in the 1970s can be debated, although I believe that 26 percent inflation, blackouts due to

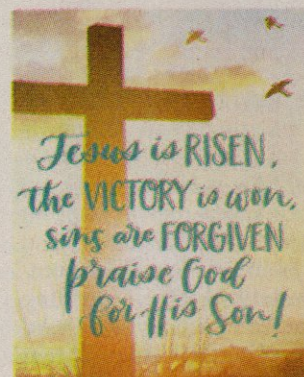
striking coal miners, and an International Monetary Fund bailout demonstrate malaise. That Britain remained democratic is not debatable, and Labour was eventually voted out of office peacefully. Socialist Francois Mitterand's election as President did not end democracy in France either.

I believe that today's proponents sincerely see socialism as advancing the well-being of Americans. This is a significant point, because capitalists typically see socialism as essentially oppressive. As Margaret Thatcher put it, there are "only two ways of governing a country," socialism where "what matters is not the people but the State," and "a free economic system." Capitalists dismiss leaders' professions that socialism serves the people as propaganda.

I see this as perhaps the greatest point of contention today. If the alternatives are freedom or socialism, it's

hard to see how anyone could be attracted to socialism. Is it possible to keep a government powerful enough to restructure economic relations subordinate to the will of the people?

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Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, April 8, investigated the following incidents: one unauthorized use of a vehicle, one domestic dispute, one disorderly conduct, one criminal trespassing, one harassment, one harassing communications, two for possession of a controlled substance, one theft of property, one child custody incident, one failure to pay for gas, one burglary, one kidnapping, one possession of drug paraphernalia, one attempt to elude, one possession of marijuana, one recovered stolen vehicle, and one recovered firearm.

The following arrests were made: three for failure to appear, one for trespassing, five on warrants from Elba and other agencies, one for possession of a controlled substance, and one for possession of marijuana.

There were seven traffic citations and 16 traffic warnings [verbal and written] issued by Elba Police officers during the time-frame of April 8 - 14.

MONDAY, APR. 8 – Report of a person trespassing at a business in the area of Larkin Rd – per the chief of police, the subject had until 2 p.m. to remove his property (10:37 a.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at a residence on Reese Ave – subjects left the residence before officers arrived (6:24 p.m.).

TUESDAY, APR. 9 – Officers responded to a residence on County Rd 401 in reference to an unauthorized use of a motor vehicle – report taken (10:51 a.m.); Possible domestic disturbance reported at a residence in area of Powell Circle (6:35 p.m.); Suspicious person reported in area of Farris Ave (11:23

p.m.); Possible prowler reported in or around the area of Drayton Ave – officers advised complainant to check vehicles and personal belongings and also advised subject to leave the area (11:52 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, APR. 10 – Officers responded to a trespassing call on Payne St – trespasser was arrested (6:39 a.m.); Officers responded to a disturbance call on Smith Ave (8:40 a.m.); Officer responded to a complaint call about 4-wheelers driving up and down the roadway on Cedar Lane Dr (9:33 a.m.); Officers responded to a possible intoxicated driver call on Hwy. 203 (7:13 p.m.).

THURSDAY, APR. 11 – Officers responded to area of Stroud Ave in reference to a suspicious vehicle and subjects in the area – made contact with a subject that subsequently had several outstanding warrants for arrest through Elba PD and Coffee County Sheriff's Office, subject transported to Coffee County Jail (5:37 a.m.); Report of theft of property in area of Evergreen Cemetery on Claxton Ave (8:56 a.m.); Officers responded to the Food Gian in reference to a suspicious person loitering and disturbing the peace – officers advised the subject to leave the property (9:01 a.m.); Officers responded to a subject trespassing at a business on Claxton Ave (12:57 p.m.); Officers responded to complaint of an ATV on the roadway on Claxton Ave in area of Evergreen Cemetery (2:08 p.m.); Officers responded to a residence on Plant Ave in reference to a theft of property (4:45 p.m.); Officers responded with Haynes Ambulance to sidewalk in front of Troy Bank and Trust for a medical call (4:59 p.m.); Stolen vehicle reported from a residence on Old Samson Rd (5:05 p.m.); Possible stolen vehicle reported to be at a residence on Smith Ave – officers confirmed the vehicle to match description of stolen vehicle report from Coffee County Sheriff's Office – vehicle was towed and a subject was arrested by county officials for receiving stolen property (7:46 p.m.).

FRIDAY, APR. 12 – Officers responded to a single vehicle wreck on Hwy 166 (11:56 a.m.); Officers met with a complainant on E Davis St in reference to a possible breaking and entering (1:49 p.m.); Officers responded to a call regarding a snake under a chair cushion on a porch on Drayton Ave – snake was removed (6:36 p.m.); Officers responded to a verbal domestic dispute on N Claxton Ave (7:25 p.m.).

SATURDAY, APR. 13 – Report of a suspicious person knocking on doors in the area of Beaver Dam St – subject was transported to his residence on Grey St (2:57 a.m.); Report of suspicious person walking in middle of roadway in the area of Brookdale – subject was taken to a residence on Morrow Ave (6:35 a.m.); Report of a verbal domestic/unwanted guest at a residence on N Claxton Ave (10:51 p.m.).

SUNDAY, APR. 14 – Officers responded to an area of Neil Grantham Dr in reference to power lines and trees down in the roadway – officers stayed while electric and street department workers cleared the roadway and restored electricity (9:27 a.m.); Disorderly subject harassing customers reported at a business on Claxton Ave (1:04 p.m.); Officers responded to a report of trees down in the roadway on Hwy 166 – officer stayed while street department workers cleared the area (8:45 p.m.); Possible criminal mischief/trespassing reported on Taylor Mill Rd (8:59 p.m.); Possible prowler reported in area of Seminole Circle (11:39 p.m.).

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Elba High student selected to represent community at economic and community development scholars program in June

The Elba Chamber of Commerce has selected Isaac Watkins, Elba High School rising senior, to represent Elba in the Huntingdon College Economic and Community Development Scholars Program to take place June 25-27 at Huntingdon College in Montgomery.

"Watkins shows promise as a future community leader, said Sandy Bynum, director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce, after completing this program and learning about recruiting business and industry to their local communities, these selected students will receive a \$50,000 scholarship as an incentive to attend Huntingdon."

Chambers of Commerce across Alabama were invited to nominate a rising high school senior, only one per Chamber, to participate in the program through a selection process designed by the Chamber of Commerce Association of

Alabama.

As a program participant, Watkins will hear from leaders in the Economic Development Association of Alabama, the Chamber of Commerce Association of Alabama, the Alabama Department of Commerce, and other city, county, and state leaders. Site tours include the Alabama State Capitol, a major manufacturing plant, and a downtown Montgomery revitalization tour. Participants will learn through economic development simulations; networking with young and seasoned economic development professionals; and exchanging ideas with their peers. Fun evening excursions will provide opportunities to meet and build friendships with rising high school seniors from across Alabama who share aptitudes and interests.

Watkins is the son of Dexter and Sylvia Watkins.

Seniors encouraged to participate with activities at Elba Senior Citizens Center

Age 60 or above?

Come join the fun at the Elba Senior Citizens Center. This is a great setting to meet up with friends you have not seen in a while while also making new friends.

"We strive to have fun, so your not just sitting at home," said senior center director Donna Falls. "We go out to eat and play

games. If bingo, cards or dominos are your game, we play this also."

The center has programs to help the elderly, diabetic programs, caretaker programs, insurance information, and more. Come walk in and visit a while, or call 334-897-3019.

The Elba center is open from 7 a.m. until 3 p.m. weekdays.

Coffee County Spring Landowner Tour set for April 19 in New Brockton

The annual Coffee County Spring Landowner Tour will be held on Friday, April 19, 2019. The event will be held at the 201-acre Ellis Tree Farm, located at 910 Coffee County Road 153, New Brockton, AL 36351. (Lat 31.466, Lon: -85.895).

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and the tour begins at 9:00. Lunch will be provided at 12:00 noon.

The agenda includes: tract management history, portable sawmill demonstration, understory chemical release, NRCS cost share assistance update, predator control and man-

agement and thinning timing and regimes Q & A. Presenters include: Jim Ellis - owner, Dan Jernigan - Forester with Glenwood Forest Products; Clint Wilks - M&W Forestry Consultants; Ted Vignola - management firm - Time Limited Forestry, Inc.; Josh Elliot - District Conservationist; Adam Maggard - Extension Specialist and Assistant Professor for Forest Systems Management at Auburn University; Andrew Green, Wildlife Biologist with Alabama Department of Conservation.

Frequency to present Spring performance at Troy University

The Troy University vocal jazz ensemble, Frequency, will present its spring performance on Tuesday, April 23 at 7 p.m. in Long Hall 107 on the Troy Campus.

"This particular performance is very special, as it is a celebration of 10 years of frequency," said Dr. Diane Orlofsky, Director of Frequency. "It is hard to believe that 10 years have come and gone. When I started the group in 2009, I had hoped that it would take root and fill a niche. I never would have imagined, however, how vital this group has become in recruiting prospective students."

The current group of Frequency vocalists will present a cross-section of styles that represent the eclectic world of contemporary vocal jazz.

"We have reprised a couple of tunes that were included on our 2011 'Fields of Gold' CD along with an exciting piece from 2013 that will also feature members of POPulus on vocal percussion," Orlofsky said. "Audience members who prefer our traditional ballads and jazz standards will not be disappointed and neither will

those who prefer contemporary vocal jazz covers. I have tried to offer something for everyone."

The concert is free and open to the public.

"There is something extraordinary about ensemble vocal jazz, and working with this group through the years has been a blast," Orlofsky said. "I hope that we pack the house for this event—these vocalists deserve to be heard. And I guarantee that they will put a smile on your face and a spring in your step."

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SUNDAY!!**

Obituaries

Death notices updated regularly on our website at <www.elba-clipper.com>

EDWENIA FELTON

Edwenia Felton age 63 of Enterprise, AL died recently at Medical Center Enterprise. Funeral services were held Saturday April 13, 2019 at Coleman Funeral Home of Enterprise.

Edwenia's parents were the late Clara and LeVan Buggs Sr.

She is survived by one sister Marion Cassandra Griffin; three brothers; LeVan Jr. (Serina) Buggs, Terrance (Lakisha) Buggs, and Lynn (deceased) Unna Buggs; daughters; Latanya (Leonard) Crowdus, MiCarle Elaine Felton, Shelly Felton Holt; sons; Everett Levi Felton, James Franklin IV (Tina) Felton, and Cole Barrier Felton; grandchildren; Arthur Lance Buggs, Quandeal DeVon Buggs, Darius Ivan Joshua Buggs, Jimmie Celine Dilworth, Kavonte' JaVon Conerly, Keirston Keiron Felton, Tyler Jones, Quinae Shantal Felton, Daishianna Monae Wallace, Pierre Wallace Jr. Marcell Wallace, Christopher Felton, Amari Felton, Javion Felton, Zaria Sias, Carl Anthony Felton, Michael Cole Felton, James Franklin Felton V.; great grand children; Arthur Lance Buggs, III, Makayla Buggs, Faith Buggs, La'Miya Erve, Skiar Samuel, JaiDyn Brooks, Brooklyn Scoot, Kelis Conerly, King Conerly, And Bella Conerly and a host of nephews, nieces, in-laws, cousin's.

ARTHUR BEAN

Arthur Bean age 78 of Enterprise died on April 3, 2019 at Medical Center Enterprise. Funeral services were held Wednesday April 10, 2019 at Searcy Funeral Home, Enterprise.

On January 4, 1941, Arthur Fred Bean was born to the late Homer Bean and Thelma Cooley in Walker County, AL. He is preceded in death by his wife, Helen Hull Bean. On December 17, 2016 Fred married Ella Mae Couch.

Fred leaves behind to cherish his memory his loving wife, Ella Mae Couch-Bean; one daughter, Pamela Ferrell (Samuel); two grandsons; Paris Ferrell of Tampa, FL and Nijhil Ferrell of VA Beach VA; one sister; Sarah Johnson of Lake Providence, LA; brothers Randolph Divins of Monroe, LA and Charles Cooley of Milwaukee, WI, Fredrick Couch, Patricia Williams (James) Kenneth Couch all of Enterprise, AL, and Bobby Flowers (Lisa) of McDonald, NY. He is also survived by a host of grandchildren, nieces, nephews, family and friends.

WALTER W PILCHER

Walter Wright (Bruiser) Pilcher, age 72, of New Brockton, Ala., died peacefully in his home, Thursday April 11, 2019, surrounded by his wife and daughters.

Bruiser was born to Walter and Robbie Louis Pilcher on December 12, 1946.

Bruiser was married to his best friend, Alice Goodyear Pilcher, for 47 years.

Bruiser and Alice had three daughters and three sons-in-law: Madilynn Nelson (John) of New

Orleans, LA; Kim Collins (Sean) of Enterprise, AL and Nicki Pender (Philip) of Cropwell, AL. Bruiser was the middle child between Lyndale Dale Hundley of Eufaula, AL.

He was preceded in death by his younger sister, Paula Pilcher of Enterprise.

To honor his final wishes, the family asks that humorous Bruiser stories (based somewhat on the truth) be shared during this time of mourning. Please mail to 3240 Ozark Hwy, Enterprise, AL 36330 so the family can compile a collection for future generations to enjoy.

As a Shriner and 32nd Degree Mason of the Jubilee Lodge, he has asked that any donations be given to the Shriners hospital.

Hayes Funeral Home of Elba is serving the Pilcher family.

CHARLES HADLEY

Charles Oren "Chuck" Hadley, age 76, a resident

of Daleville, Ala., died Saturday, April 13, 2019, at his home.

In keeping with his wishes, no formal services will be held.

Chuck was born in Indiana to the late Dorothy Mae Wilkinson Hadley and Samuel Zimmariah Hadley. He is survived by his best friend and love of his life: Glenda York of Daleville; son - Chadwick Reed Hadley of New Smyrna Beach, FL; daughter - Margaret Elizabeth Willoughby of Indialantic, FL, along with four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents along with a son Grant Hadley.

ELOUISE CALDWELL

Elouise Caldwell, age 83, of Elba, Ala., died April 12, 2019, at Mizell Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services were held April 8, 2019 at Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church with Coleman Funeral Home in charge of arrangements. Elouise Caldwell was born in Coffee County Alabama on June 27, 1935 to the late Ophelia Wilkerson and Hezekiah Phillips.

Elouise married the late W.H. Caldwell. She was also preceded in death by her twin sister Louise (Willie Joe) Crittenden and sister Ruby Wilkerson.

She leaves to cherish her memories two daughters; Sandra (Isaiah) Oliver of New Port News, VA, and Sophia (Charles) Berry of Elba, AL; two sons; John R. (Teresa) Caldwell of Augusta GA, and Elder Rodrick (Melanie) Caldwell of Enterprise, AL; twelve grandchildren; six great-grandchildren and one on the way, one adopted sister; Georgia Germany of Opp, AL, dear friend, Alice Musgrove of Elba, and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

EUGENE WARREN

Eugene Warren, age 78, a native of Elba, Ala., died Sunday, April 7 2019, in Mobile Ala.

Funeral services were held April 12, 2019 at Coleman Funeral Home of Elba.

Mr. Eugene Warren was born September 20, 1940 in Jack AL to the late Semmie Nora and Charles

Joe Warren.

Eugene was preceded in death by his ex-wife Louise Warren; nine brothers; Willie Sam of Orlando, FL, John William of Sanford FL, John Tavie of Mobile, Huey Lee of Hudson, NY, Charles Jr. of Elba, James Wesely of Winter Haven, FL, Johnson Warren of Dothan, AL, Billy Warren of Havana, FL, and William Jessie of Atlanta, GA; and sister Ruthie Mae Monk of Enterprise, AL.

He leaves mourning seven children; Mary Warren, Long Beach CA, Gene Warren (Juanita) Enterprise, Jean Warren, Enterprise, Robert A Warren, Samson, AL, Charlene Warren, Montgomery, AL, Terry Warren, Mobile, Princess Warren, Samson, AL; one sister; Mary J. Warren Elba, eight grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and other relatives and friends including Wilburt Gibson and James Larkins.

SARA JO GREER

Ms. Sara Jo Greer, age 82, a resident of Elba, Ala., died peacefully Thursday, April 11, 2019.

A graveside service was held Monday, April 15, in the Rose Hill Cemetery in Dozier, Ala., with Rev. R. Steven Reneau officiating and Turner Funeral Home of Luverne directing.

Ms. Greer retired from the Civil Service at Ft. Rucker where she worked as a computer programmer. She was a loving daughter, sister, and aunt. Jo was beloved by her nieces and nephews for her spitfire personality and constant entertainment.

Ms. Greer was preceded in death by her parents, Henry Luther and Vera Croft Greer, and five siblings, James A. Greer, Henry Howard Greer, Mary Foreman, Charles Greer, and Myra Ruth Campbell.

She is survived by her sister, Helen (Buren) Jennings, and numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and friends.

Active pallbearers were Keith Greer, Chance Turner, Chuck Jennings, Jimbo Campbell, Chuck Campbell, and Bubba Greer.

WILLIE P RANDLE

Willie Pearl Randle, age 81, a resident of Jack, Ala., died Friday, April 12, 2019, at her home surrounded by family.

In accordance with her wishes, no formal services will be held.

Mrs. Randle is survived by a son - Benny Joe Randle of Brookhaven, GA; a brother R.P.

Boutwell of Panama City, FL; along with three grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son Bryant Randle, and a daughter Judy Boutwell Price.

Hayes Funeral Home of Elba, Alabama is serving the Randle family.

JEANETTE BOSWELL

Jeanette Boswell age 75 of Elba, AL died Monday,

April 15, 2019 at her home.

Funeral services will be held from Hayes Funeral Home Chapel on

Wednesday, April 17, 2019 at 11:00 AM with Rev. Donald Hall, Rev. Bryan Sawyer and Rev. Wayne Sharpe officiating. Burial services will follow in the Fairview Baptist Church Cemetery.

Visitation will be at Hayes Funeral Home on Wednesday, April 17, 2019 from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM.

Survivors include: husband - Charles J. Boswell; son - Keith (Dana) Boswell, daughter - Cindy (Eric) Gibson, brother - Preston (June) Kelley, Jr., all of Elba; sister - Maggie Marsh, Sellersville, AL; granddaughters - NiCole (Josh) Reeves, Dothan, AL, plus - McKinley Gibson, and McKinley Gibson, both of Elba; grandsons - Hunter Boswell, Enterprise, AL, and Wade Gibson; great granddaughter - Annistyn Reeves, Dothan.

She was preceded in death by her brother - Quinion Kelley and sister - Betty Jean Preston.

**A COMMUNITY
EASTER
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SERVICE** will be held Sunday April 21, at 6:15 a.m. at Westside Baptist Church, 1026 Caroline Street, Elba. Breakfast will follow in the activities building. All are welcome to attend.



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LIFESTYLES



LBW Community College in Opp was the setting for an official scholarship signing ceremony with Stephanie A. Soule of Chancellor, seated center, who created two \$750 scholarships through the DMSTC Foundation to assist a student in the welding program and a student in the diesel and heavy equipment mechanics program. The scholarships were established in memory of her son, Killian "Rambo" Soule, who was a student in both programs. Also pictured are, seated left, LBWCC President Dr. Herb Riedel; seated right, DMSTC Foundation Vice President Laura Norris; standing from left, LBWCC Dean of Instruction Peggy Linton; Scott Cooper, welding faculty; Eddie Spann, retired diesel faculty; David Brawner and Chancey Wyatt, both welding faculty; Shaun Moore, diesel faculty; and Associate Dean of Institutional Advancement Dr. Arlene Davis.

Grant opportunity available for LBWCC students for summer

A grant opportunity is again available for students attending LBW Community College this summer.

The LBWCC Foundation is making grant funds available again this summer after a successful incentive program last year," said LBWCC President Dr. Herb Riedel. "The funds provide students the chance to take one class and get a three credit-hour class free. We are very grateful for the ongoing encouragement and support of students from LBWCC Foundation directors, and believe this grant will again make a huge difference for some students to achieve their educational dreams."

The "Summer Incentive Grant" was established specifically to help LBWCC students, whether enrolled for the entire summer term or either of the two summer mini-terms, said Wayne Bennett, Foundation president.

The "buy one get one free" incentive applies to current LBWCC students; 2019 high school graduates; transient students, defined as those who attend a four-year institution and are home for the summer; and rising high school juniors and seniors participating in academic dual enrollment or accelerated programs.

"Students home from a four-year institution for the summer can pick up a cou-

ple of courses here at LBW, pay for the first class at half the cost they typically pay at their four-year institution and get a second, three credit-hour class free."

Academic dual enrollment students gain high school and college credit for their classes, while high school accelerated program students take college-level courses for college credit. For both programs, incoming juniors and seniors must have approval from their principal or counselor and complete all LBWCC admission application requirements.

The online application for the LBWCC Foundation "Summer Incentive Grant" funds is available for download and printing at www.lbwcc.edu. Students are required to complete all required admissions paperwork, and register and pay for the first class by May 23, 2019.

Friends of Enterprise Public Library plans April 27 Spring Sale

The Friends of the Enterprise Public Library is holding a Booklovers Spring Sale on Saturday, April 27, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the library.

Members of the Friends of the Enterprise Library organization are eligible to attend the "Friends Only Pre-Sale," Thursday, April 25, from 1-6:30 p.m. New memberships will be accepted prior to the sale and at the door.

Popular fiction and non-fiction for children to adults, DVDs, music CDs, books on CD, as well as vintage, signed, and classic books are available. There is a wide selection of history books: military, aviation, Civil War, U.S. and general world history. Cookbooks, literature, biographies and memoirs, health and diet, religious and inspirational books, craft, handyman books, humor, and relationship books and more are also for sale.

Money raised by the Friends' book sales funds library projects as well as the purchase of materials for use by patrons.

Coffee County Extension offers various educational programs

REGIONAL PECAN MEETING

The Coffee County Extension office will host the Regional Pecan Meeting on Tuesday, April 30, from 5:30 - 8 p.m. at the Coffee County Extension office - community room in New Brockton, Ala.

The "Home Grown Pecan Meeting" will help homeowners as well as small producers learn how to properly manage their orchards to promote greater yields. Auburn University research associate Bryan Wilkins will be discussing the topics of: variety selection, planting and care, pecan pest management, grading and much more.

A sponsored meal will be served. Call the Coffee County Extension Office by Friday, April 26, to register. There is no cost for this program.

For more information or to reserve a spot for this program, call (334) 894-5596.

CHAINSAW SAFETY WORKSHOP

The Coffee County Extension Office and Wiregrass RC&D will offer a Chainsaw Safety Workshop Tuesday, May 7, in Coffee County.

This workshop will be held at the Coffee County Farm Center. It is free to attend, and lunch will be served.

This workshop is open to professionals and homeowners. Topics will include: safety practices, chainsaw design, ergonomics, starting, limbing and bucking, basic felling and on-site demonstrations.

Seating is limited. Pre-registration is required.

In addition, there will be a very limited (8-10 people) advanced training, Wednesday, May 8th. In this training, participants will receive hands on training.

Sending an employee or supervisor to this second day training, at no charge, is a considerable savings based on if they had to send off or outsource. (Attendees of second day are required to attend the first day).

Everyone who completes the training will receive a certificate of attendance. Call the Coffee County Extension office at 334-894-5596 to RSVP - space is limited.



Jennifer Amlong, director of the Elba Public Library, was the speaker for Elba Rotary Club at its noon meeting Tuesday, April 9. A 1985 graduate of Elba High School, Amlong worked at the library in Brundidge for approximately 20 years before coming back to Elba as librarian in November 2018. She shared about the many programs and services provided by the Library.

New Hope Senior Center invites seniors to join the fun!

The New Hope Senior Center invites seniors to join the fun and activities for the center!

Hours of operation for the Center are 8:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. on weekdays. Activities include: bingo, dominoes, exercise, monthly birthday celebration, monthly outings, singing, and more.

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Lifestyles
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Mondays

It's Happening at the Elba Public Library

Thursday, April 18. Children's Book Day

Monday, April 22 Earth Day

Monday, April 29, at 4 p.m.

Glenn Willis - Forgotten Alabama presentation;

A light snack will be served

Tuesday, April 30, at 4 p.m.

Sara Stinson will be sharing her book Finger

Bones; A light snack will be served

WEEKLY EVENTS

Coffee and Coloring
every Thursday

from 9 a.m. until 12 Noon

Story Time

every Thursday at 4 p.m.

Gulf State Park Enhancement Project receives achievement award

The Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources has been recognized for the Gulf State Park Enhancement Project by the Environmental Business Journal® (EBJ), a business research publication which provides high value strategic business intelligence to the environmental industry.

The Gulf State Park Enhancement Project was conceived by the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to improve public access to Alabama's natural resources. That goal evolved to include improvement to Alabama's economy through sustainable tourism, cooperative development, southern hospitality, and a confidence in Alabama.

This project approaches economic development by identifying a win-win scenario that improves the state's economy by preserving and enhancing Gulf State Park's 6,150 acres, biodiversity, and educational opportunities. This \$140 million project included a Master Plan; The Lodge at Gulf State Park, a Hilton Hotel; Dune



Restoration; a trail network of 28 miles; more than 40 new interpretive signs; 2 new Pedestrian Bridges; an Interpretive Center; and a Learning Campus.

"We are honored to receive this award recognizing ADCNR's ability to execute innovative environmental solutions that provide positive economic impact to our state's natural resources," says Commissioner Chris Blankenship.

"I am extremely proud of my team for delivering the Gulf State Park Enhancement Project for the benefit of Alabama and the entire coastal region."

Several components are seeking sustainability certifications to demonstrate a commitment to the environment. The Interpretive Center has been certified as the first fortified commercial building in the world and is pursuing the Living

Building Challenge, the world's most rigorous environmental certification system with only 21 certified buildings.

The 2018 EBJ awards were presented at a special ceremony at the Environmental Industry Summit XVII in San Diego, Calif. on March 20th. The Environmental Industry Summit is an annual three-day executive retreat hosted by EBI, Inc.

To learn more about Gulf State Park, visit: mygulfsatepark.com. Information about the Lodge at Gulf State Park can be found at lodgeatgulfsatepark.com.

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PASTOR'S CORNER

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This week is the holiest time of the year for the Christian faith. The Christian Calendar is different from our everyday calendar, and it is based off of the life of Jesus Christ and the church. Instead of January, this calendar begins with Advent — a season of waiting and preparation that starts around the end of November or early December. Christ the King Sunday always ends the Christian Year with the proclamation that Jesus is Lord of heaven and earth. The Christian Year is filled with different emotions: Waiting in Advent, Joy in Christmas, Excitement on Epiphany, Self-Reflection in Lent, Fear on Maundy Thursday, Grief on Good Friday, Despondence on Holy Saturday, Triumph in Easter, Purpose on Pentecost, and Normalcy in Ordinary time. Nearly every human emotion can be found in living through this year.

God is in each of these seasons. God is with us with in our lives just as much in our times of joy as God is in our times of doubt, fear, hopelessness, and yes even faithlessness. No matter what season you may find yourself in at this moment, please know that God is with you. Even if you are in a lonely, shadow-filled valley of death, God is with you. You are not alone. You will never be alone.

I do invite you, on behalf of all the churches and clergy in our area, to join any of us for Easter Sunday. Wherever you are in your life, know that in our houses of worship are open to you and your families. Hear the Good News that God has conquered death and offers each of us an abundant, eternal life. Happy Easter! Christ is Risen!

Grace and Peace
Rev. R. Steven Renau



EASTER
SUNRISE SERVICE

Sunday, April 21, 2019 @ 6:15 a.m.
Westside Baptist Church
1026 Caroline St., Elba
Breakfast following in activities building
All Are Welcome to Attend!

Basin Baptist Church announces special activities for Easter weekend, April 20 & 21

Basin Baptist Church, located on Hwy 189 S, Elba, will host an Easter Egg Hunt for children on Saturday, April 20, from 1-3 p.m. This will include an egg hunt, snacks and fun.

On Easter Sunday, April 21, the morning worship hour will include musical

programs from the Children's Choir and the Adult Choir, beginning at 11 a.m. The children's choir will present "It's Easter!" while the Adult Choir will present the "Blessed Redeemer" music program. All are invited to attend these Easter services.

Newbia Baptist Church plans Sunrise Service for Easter morning, April 21st

Newbia Baptist Church, located on County Road 330, Elba, will have an Easter Sunrise Service on Sunday, April 21, at 6:30 a.m. The service will be followed by breakfast in the fellowship hall provided by

Newbia.

The church also will have its Easter Cantata beginning at 10:45 a.m. All are invited and welcome.

For more information call Pastor Will Jordan at 334-308-7510.



Date: Saturday, April 20th

Time: 10:00 AM

Place: Elba United Methodist Church
503 Davis Street, Elba

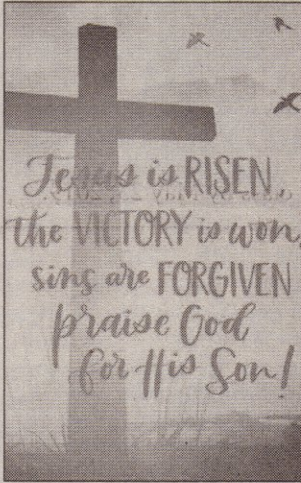
Sponsored by Westside Baptist Church
and Elba United Methodist Church

Gospel singing set for April 18th at Country Cathedral, located between Elba and Opp

The Bowling [Family] Sisters and The Dyess Family will be in concert at Country Cathedral, located on U.S. Hwy 84 E between Elba and Opp, on Thursday, April 18th.

Singing begins at 7 p.m. For more information call 334-493-7413.

There is no admission charge.



Round and About

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Scripture: He is Risen (Matthew 28:1-8) (Mark 16:1-8) (Luke 24: 1-12) (John 20:1-10)

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Missy Berry, Nicole Duncan, Diane Burks, Caldwell Family, Doris Waters, Warren Family, Alice Musgrove

BIRTHDAYS

Hillard Hamm 4-8

Rebecca Daniels 4-9

Cara Patterson 4-9

John Nelson 4-9

Marcus D. Kelley 4-10

Donald Smith 4-10

Marlar R. Rideaux 4-10

Jala Smith 4-11

Caleb Martin 4-11

Rolanda Jones 4-11

Michael Manning 4-12

Kimberly Cooks Ruffin 4-13

Valerie Crawford 4-12

TESTIMONIAL

Brother Alan Belcher, West

View Baptist Church, Opp,

Alabama, April 19, 2019 at

7:00 p. m.

54th Annual Session of

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Saturday, April 20 2019

beginning at 10:00 A.M.

THEME: "Building

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in the Body of

Christ", Ephesians 2:14

Sis Ollie Henderson,

President

Dr. W. L. Peterson,

Moderator

SERMON: Pastor Shawn

Mitchell, Oak Grove M. B.

Church

Alternate Pastor, Lovell

Martin

Crenshaw County Branch

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Mr. Bernard Simelton,

President NAACP,

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Questions/Answers

Session

Q/A of the week of 4-18-19

Q: During their meal

together, an argument arose

among the disciples. What

was it about?

A: The disciples argued

about which of them should

be considered the greatest

(read) Luke 22nd Chapter

24th vs.

THOUGHT TO REMEMBER

The Lord's mercies are

new every morning

Q for the week of 4/25/19

Q: Zaccheus pledge to

give what part of his

goods to the poor?

Today is a good day! Be

grateful.

Eria's Daughter, Sue

Basin Baptist Church plans annual community BBQ event

The first Saturday in May each year is a special time for Basin Baptist Church, located on Hwy 189 S, Elba.

On this day, Saturday, May 4, the church members will host their annual community BBQ event. This is a completely free event for the community to attend as the church members offer it as a "get to know your neighbor" time.

This year's BBQ will be held from 3 - 7 p.m. on May 4th and will include entertainment, fun and games for the children, and of course, the free BBQ meal.

All are invited to join the Basin Baptist Church members for this special occasion. Church services for Basin Baptist Church are: Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.; Morning Worship at 11 a.m.; Sunday evening Worship at 5:30 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study at 6:30 p.m.

Church News is
due on Mondays!

Church Directory

IN HIM WAS
LIFE AND THE
LIGHT OF MEN

ABUNDANT LIFE

CHURCH SAMSON, Ala.

Richard Thorn, Sr. Pastor

Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m.

Wed. Night Service 7:00 p.m.

ALBERTON BAPTIST

CHURCH

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH

Sam Self, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship . . . 5:30 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST

CHURCH

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:30 a.m.

Wed. Bible Class . . . 6:30 p.m.

BETHANY BAPTIST

CHURCH

Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.

Disciple Train . . . 5:30 p.m.

Even. Worship . . . 6:30 p.m.

BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST

CHURCH

Tom Senn, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH

Robert Davis, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.

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METHODIST

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2nd & 4th Sundays

Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.

1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

2nd & 4th Sundays

CORNERSTONE BIBLE

CHURCH

Larry Mills-Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Sunday Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Wed. Night . . . 7:00 p.m.

COVENANT COMMUNITY

CHURCH

Diana White, Pastor

Bible Study . . . 9:00 a.m.

Fellowship . . . 9:45 a.m.

Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.

Wed. Night (Youth Real Deal

and Children's Activities) . . .

6:00 p.m.

DAMASCUS BAPT. CHURCH

Steve Watson, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH

Dale Morgan-Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Discipleship Training 5:00 p.m.

Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.

Prayer Meeting, Wed. 7:00 p.m.

WED. PRAYER SERVICE 7:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST

Phillip Box, Minister

Bible Study . . . 9:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:30 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD

Rev. David Noble, Pastor

Morn. Worship . . . 10:45 a.m.

Even. Worship . . . 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD

OF PROPHECY

H.L. Buckner-Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Sunday Night . . . 6:00 p.m.

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Public Notice:

IN THE PROBATE

COURT OF COFFEE

COUNTY, ALABAMA

ELBA DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF

BRANDEN LEE NEL-

SON,

Deceased.

CASE NO. PC2019-031

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letter of Administration of

said deceased having been

granted to the undersigned

on the 16th day of April,

2019, by the Honorable

Steve Blair, Judge of the

Probate Court of Coffee

County, Alabama, notice is

hereby given that all persons

having claims against the

estate are hereby

required to present the same

within the time allowed by

law or the same will be

barred.

/s/ Taleah Ziglar

TALEAH ZIGLAR

4/18,25&5/2-paid

A BILL

TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

To amend Section 17-3-8,

Code of Alabama 1975,

relating to meeting days of

boards of registrars; to

Synopsis: This bill would provide an expense allowance for the Sheriff of Coffee County in the amount of \$12,000 per year. This expense allowance would expire at the end of the current term of office.

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

Relating to Coffee County; to provide an expense allowance for the Sheriff of Coffee County in the amount of \$12,000 per year; and to provide that such expense allowance expires at the end of the current term of office.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. The Sheriff of Coffee County shall receive an expense allowance of twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000.00) per year, payable in equal monthly installments from the general fund of the county as other county employees are paid. Said expense allowance shall be in addition to all other compensation or benefits granted to the Sheriff.

Section 2. Beginning with the next term of office, the expense allowance paid to the Sheriff as provided in Section 1 is null and void.

Section 3. This act shall become effective immediately following its passage and approval by the Governor or its otherwise becoming law.

3/28, 4/4, 4/11&4/18-chg.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATER OF THE ESTATE OF PHILLIP CRAIG CORDER, DECEASED.

CASE NO PC 2019-030

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Letters Testamentary of the said Deceased having been granted to Sara C. Corder, Personal Representative, on the 29th day of March, 2019, by the Honorable Steven E. Blair, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present same within time allowed by law or same will be barred.

/s/ Sarah C. Corder
Sarah C. Corder, Personal Representative
4/4,11,18-pd

SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, the Coffee County Board of Registrars may meet a maximum of 199 working days each fiscal year. This bill would increase the number of working days the board may meet to a maximum of 220 working days each fiscal year.

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT To amend Section 17-3-8, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to meeting days of boards of registrars; to increase the maximum number of working days the Coffee County Board of Registrars may meet each fiscal year to a maximum of 220 working days each fiscal year.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 17-3-8, Code of Alabama 1975, is amended to read as follows: §17-3-8.

"(a) Each member of the board of registrars in the Counties of Chambers, Clay, Cleburne, Coosa, Dallas, Escambia, Geneva, Lowndes, Perry, Sumter,

and Wilcox may meet a maximum of 120 working days each fiscal year; each member of the board of registrars in the Counties of Barbour, Blount, Butler, Fayette, Greene, Lee, Marengo, Pickens, Pike, Randolph, and Winston may meet a maximum of 168 working days each fiscal year, except in the Counties of Lee and Pike each board of registrars may meet up to an additional 30 session days each fiscal year, at the discretion of the chair of the county commission, and such days shall be paid from the respective county funds; each member of the board of registrars in the Counties of Coffee, Tallapoosa, and County and each member of the board of registrars in Talladega County may meet a maximum of 220 working days each fiscal year, except that in Talladega County the board of registrars may meet up to an additional 30 session days each fiscal year, at the discretion of the chair of the county commission; each member of the board of registrars in the Counties of Dale, Franklin, Houston, Marion, Marshall, Bullock, Macon, and Tuscaloosa may meet a maximum of 216 working days each fiscal year; each member of the board of registrars in the Counties of Limestone and Shelby may meet a maximum of 167 working days each fiscal year; and each member of the board of registrars in Russell County may meet a maximum of 177 working days each fiscal year.

"(b) In the Counties of Choctaw, Coffee, Colbert, Cullman, Lauderdale, and Monroe each member of the board of registrars may meet a maximum of 199 working days each fiscal year.

"(c) Each member of the Board of Registrars of Autauga, Elmore, and Bibb Counties may meet a maximum of 187 working days each fiscal year. Each member of the Board of Registrars of Walker County may meet a maximum of 200 days each fiscal year and each member of the Board of Registrars of Lamar, Cherokee, Clarke, Conecuh, Crenshaw, Hale, and Washington Counties may meet a maximum of 140 days each fiscal year. Each member of the board of registrars in the following counties may meet the following maximum number of working days each fiscal year: Henry - 140 working days; Covington - 188 working days; DeKalb - 207 working days; Jackson - 207 working days; and Lawrence - 140 working days.

"(d) Each member of the board of registrars in the Counties of Baldwin, Calhoun, Chilton, Madison, Mobile, Montgomery, St. Clair, Etowah, and Morgan are authorized to meet not more than five days each week for the purpose of carrying out their official duties. Jefferson County, which is now operating under the provisions of local laws, shall be exempted from the provisions of this section. Provided, however, that where the words "each year" are used in the local laws the words mean "each fiscal year."

"(e) The actual number of working days to be used as session days shall be determined by a quorum of the board of registrars according to the needs of the county.

"(f) As many as 25 of the allotted working days may be used for special registration sessions (i.e., those sessions held away from the courthouse in the several precincts of the county or sessions held on Saturday or between the hours of 5:00 P.M. and 9:00 P.M.). Notice of any special ses-

sion scheduled by the board shall be given at least 10 days prior to the special session by (1) bills posted at three or more public places in each election precinct affected, if the session involves precinct visits, and (2) advertisement once a week for two successive weeks in a newspaper published in the county or by radio or television announcements on a local station, or both by newspaper or announcement."

Section 2. This act shall become effective on the first day of the third month following its passage and approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

3/28,4/4,4/11&4/18-chg.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OR ADMINISTRATOR

ESTATE OF
Ida Grace R. Gross,
a/k/a Grace Roscoe Gross,
f/k/a Grace R. Aaron
DECEASED

PROBATE COURT

Case No. PC 2019-032

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned the 11th day of April, 2019, by the Hon. Steven E. Blair, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Sue Sasser,
Personal Representative
4/18,25 & 5/2-pd

PMC Equity Partners,
LLC,
Plaintiff,

Vs.

Roger Dale Noyes, a parcel of land in Coffee County, Alabama, and being more particularly described as follows: beginning at the intersection of the north line of the SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 19, T5N, R20E with the East side of Alabama Highway No. 189 and thence S2°32'E (magnetic) along the East side of said highway 729.6 feet; thence S1°14'W along the East side of said highway 120.4 feet to the starting point; thence S4°29'W along the East side of said highway 100 feet; thence N86°8'E, 158 feet; thence N4°29'E, 100 feet; thence S86°8'W 157.56 feet to the starting point with said lot being in the SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of section 19, T5N, R20E and containing 0.356 acres, more or less, and unknown parties who have any claim, title, interest in, or to said land, Defendants.

Notice to Defendants:
You must answer plaintiff's Complaint to Quiet Title by June 20, 2019, or, thereafter, a judgment by default may be rendered against you in Case No. CV2019-000005 Circuit Court of Coffee County, Alabama - Elba Division. The original of said answer is to be filed with the clerk of this court and a copy must be mailed or hand delivered to the attorney for plaintiff. Done this the 12th day of April 2019.

Amy L. Reeves
Clerk of Circuit Court
Coffee County, Alabama

R. Cliff Mendheim
P.O. box 2147
Dothan, AL 36302
Attorney for Plaintiff
4/18,4/25,5/2&5/9-chg.

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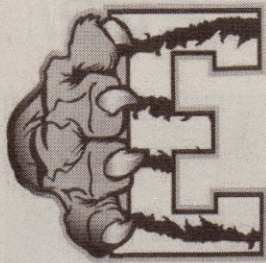
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News from
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BICENTENNIAL

Public invited to Elba High School's
Bicentennial Celebration to be held
April 30th at Elba High School

Elba High School was chosen as an official Alabama Bicentennial School this year.

Students, under the leadership of teacher Anna Marie Moore, have been putting together projects to present at a celebration reception for the public. This reception will be Tuesday, April 30, at 3:30 p.m. at Elba High School for an oral history presentation of Elba's flood history, as well as, a short play by Elba High School students, and a presentation of some student projects. There will be refreshments served.

Please make plans to support these students and their efforts by attending the Elba High School Bicentennial Celebration.

Several scholarship opportunities remain available for students

- Several scholarship opportunities remain open for student to submit an application. They include:
- TJ Northey Scholarship; Application Due April 22nd
 - Rotary Scholarship; Application Due April 22nd
 - Enterprise Downtown Business Scholarship; Application Due April 30th
 - Club Yesepoch scholarship; Application Due April 30th
 - EL Gibson Scholarship; Application Due May 31st
 - Enterprise Homebuilders Scholarship - various applications and deadlines (applications are on-line)

Band programs present Spring Concert



The Elba Elementary School and Elba High School bands performed their spring concert Thursday evening, April 11, at 6 p.m. at the high school auditorium. Some selections the high school band played was "Don't Fear the Reaper", "Shape of You", "Fireworks", and "The House of the Rising Sun". Band director Shaun Hammonds thanked everyone for attending and supporting the band programs at Elba City Schools. He especially thanked the administration for its support of the band programs. Hammonds also noted special guests for the evening were family members of the late Joe Russell. Joe, an alumnus of Elba and the Marching Tiger Band, was very supportive of the band through his efforts with Subway. Hammonds noted that Joe and local franchise owner, Marty Tarey, had taken on feeding the band prior to trips for football games, etc. over the past few years. He thanked Russell's family for attending and showing interest in the many young lives that Joe had touched over the past few years. Also, the Elba High School Class of 1994 made a memorial donation to the band program during the concert in memory of Joe Russell, a member of that class. Above, the high school band is shown performing while the photo below is of the 5th and 6th grade bands.



Elba City Schools supports Autism Awareness

April is World Autism Month, and in support of Autism Awareness many member of the faculty and staff of Elba City Schools purchased t-shirts with the saying "In a World Where You Can Be Anything, Be Kind" printed on the front. The staff wore the shirts on Friday, April 5th. Photos are shown to the right and below.



Central office staff at Elba City Schools



Elba Elementary School administration, faculty and staff



Elba High School administration, faculty and staff

Progress Reports Sent Home!

It is hard to believe, but the school year is almost over.

Progress Reports for the 4th Nine Weeks went home Wednesday, April 17. There is only a little over a month left of school.

Senior exams will be held May 9 - 10, and other final exams will be given on May 13 - 14.

Before we know it, it will be summer!

Elba students take Performance Series Scantron Test

Elba City School students in grades third - eighth took the Performance Series Scantron Test for reading, math, and science on April 8th - 10th.

Students in these grade levels are required to take a test each spring to show growth throughout the year.

Senior pictures set for current juniors...

EHS Juniors will have the opportunity Tuesday, April 30, to take senior pictures.

It is free to get the drape/suit picture without a proof. A sitting fee of \$30 is needed for proofs.

If paying the sitting fee, the student can also bring two or three outfits for photos.

EHS Registration for 6th Graders:

The 2019-2020 Elba High School registration form will be sent home Monday, April 22, with current 6th grade students.

If your child is in 6th grade this year, please be on the lookout for this important information.

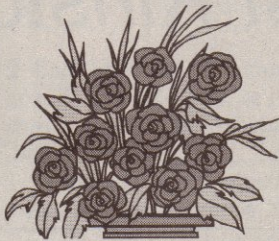
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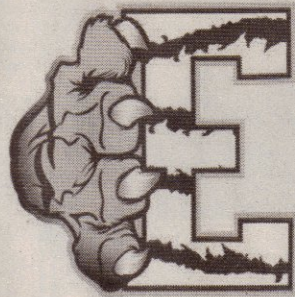
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SPORTS

Views From
The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

We finally got around to filling up an Easter basket for Lawson to enjoy over the weekend and by the next day were already adding more candy, as Nanny and this 'ole Granddaddy did a little digging in the goodies. Don't worry, our little man will find all the candy he wants every time he visits.

For what it is worth....

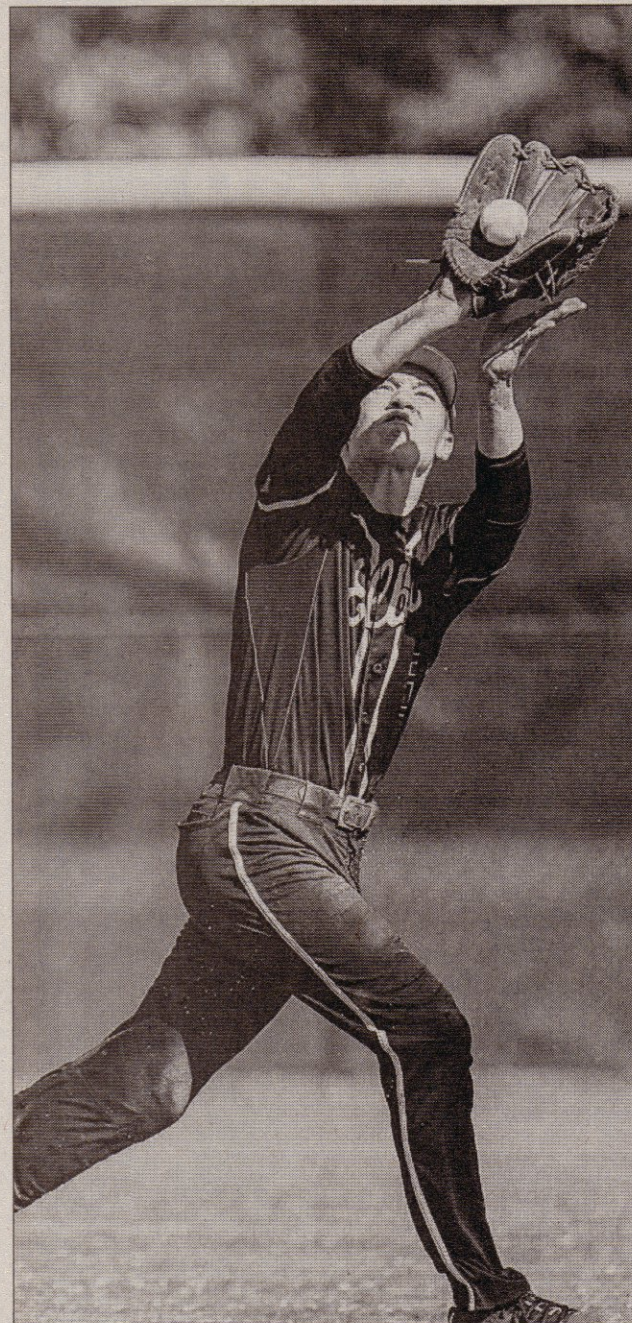
*** *The Elba Tigers saw a late rally fall one run short* in a 'must win' game last week against Florala and despite posting a winning record and claiming some big wins along the way missed advancing to the playoffs. The Tigers posted a heart-stopping 5-4 win in the first game of the doubleheader to force a deciding game, but fell behind 9-0 early in the nightcap and after a wild rally put the tying run on third in the final inning before having to walk off the field with the loss. Elba had struggled in baseball the past two seasons and had become somewhat of an easy win for its opponents, but this season the Tigers began their trek back toward the playoffs and have no doubt set a firm foundation for the future, and what should be an annual trip to the post-season party.

*** *The Elba Lady Tigers posted a doubleheader sweep* over Red Level last week to get back on track after two tough weeks on the diamond and evened their record at 8-8. The Lady Tigers Sandra Lindsey was a 'one woman' wrecking crew in the opening game of the doubleheader as she got 3 hits, including a two-run homer, scored 3 runs, knocked in 3 runs, stole 3 bases and pitched a one-hitter in her first game of the season inside the circle. Lindsey also shined in the one-run win in the nightcap, and she tripled with the bases loaded in the sixth inning and then stole home with what turned out to be the eventual winning run. It was a true team effort for the Lady Tigers in both wins, and it was great to see the Elba girls have fun.

*** *It was another busy week for the teams in the area* in both baseball and softball. In baseball, New Brockton was pushed to game three in its series with Goshen before pulling out the series to clinch a playoff berth, while Brantley ended area play unbeaten with a sweep over Kinston, Zion Chapel dropped two games to area winner Luverne and Kinston struggled in three losses on the week. Over in softball, Brantley claimed the area title with a win over Elba, and then took on the 'big girls' in a tournament in Dothan and went 2-2, with wins over Benjamin Russell and Enterprise, and two narrow losses to Saraland. Kinston was competitive in the tournament and appears peaking at the right time, while New Brockton continued to improve every time it took the field and Zion Chapel suffered two hard fought losses, but fought in every inning of both games.

*** *Back when Auburn gave Gus Malzahn* an extension on his contract the Tiger fans were not very excited but when Bruce Pearl got a five-year extension last week they were all cheers. Pearl has been a proven winner throughout his career and has only been slowed down by the NCAA. So, he is right where he needs to be and should have Auburn among the tops in the SEC for years to come.

*** *In closing...* The state conservation department experts 'shocked' the Coffee County Lake last week to check fish population, and in just a couple of hours were shocked themselves as no less than ten 10-pound bass rose to the surface of the water. They admitted there were many more such big bass in the lake, and left shaking their heads.



Elba Tiger outfielder Connor Burrow makes a running catch of a flyball during action in last week's 17-15 are win over Kinston.

(Photo by BC Sports Photography)

16-1, 8-7

Lady Tigers sweep Red Level

The Elba Lady Tigers evened their record at 8-8 last Friday night with a 16-1, 8-7 doubleheader sweep over Red Level, at Red Level.

Following are highlights of the two road wins:

Elba 16 Red Level 1

Sandra Lindsey had 3 hits, including a home-run; scored 3 runs; knocked in 3 runs; stole 3 bases and pitched a one-hitter to spark the Lady Tigers to an impressive 16-1 win over Red Level, in game one of a softball doubleheader.

A one-out single by Mikenzy Hooks and a two-out, two-run single by Praise Edwards helped Elba grab a 2-0 first inning lead, while the lead grew to 4-0 in the second after consecutive singles by Victori Edwards, Zaida Williams and Sandra Lindsey resulted in two more runs.

Elba got out of a bases loaded jam in the top of the third inning and carried the 4-0 lead into the bottom of the frame, and then exploded for 10 runs in their next trip to the plate to blow the game open and go on top 14-0!

Back-to-back singles by Makinna Gray and A'Maysia Whitfield ignited the third inning fireworks; while Jaylyn Baker, Jayla Gray and Victori Edwards all delivered rbi singles, and Mikenzy Hooks, Makinna Gray, A'Maysia Whitfield and Praise Edwards all added rbi hits as the Lady Tigers took complete command.

Red Level broke up Sandra Lindsey's no-hit bid in the fourth inning and got on the scoreboard. However, Lindsey gained a measure of revenge in the bottom of the frame as she blasted a two-run homer over the centerfield fence to end the game with the Lady Tigers on top 16-1.

Sandra Lindsey had 3 hits, scored 3 runs, knocked in 3 runs and stole 3 bases to lead Elba at the plate, while Praise Edwards added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's; Mikenzy Hooks added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi; A'Maysia Whitfield added



Elba Lady Tiger Sandra Lindsey gets a well deserved rest in the dugout. Lindsey, a senior, led the Lady Tigers to a doubleheader sweep over Red Level last week as in the two wins she had 5 hits, scored 4 runs, knocked in 6 runs, stole 6 bases, pitched six innings and allowed only two hits and no earned runs.

(Photo by BC Sports Photography)

2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi; Victori Edwards added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; Makinna Gray added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi; Jaylyn Baker added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; Zaida Williams added 1 hit and scored 3 runs; and, Jayla Gray added 1 hit and scored 1 run.

Sandra Lindsey was the winning pitcher as she allowed one run on one hit with two strikeouts.

Elba 8 Red Level 7

The Elba Lady Tigers saw a five-run lead shrink to just one heading into the bottom of the seventh inning, but held on and escaped with an exciting 8-7 win to complete the doubleheader sweep.

Elba stranded two runners on base in the top of the first after a double by Makinna Gray and a walk to A'Maysia Whitfield, but got on the scoreboard in the second and plated three runs to grab a 3-0 advantage.

A one-out walk to Jaylyn Baker started the Lady Tiger rally, while a single

by Victori Edwards and a walk to Zaida Williams loaded the bases. Mikenzy Hooks delivered a two-out, two-run single to get Elba on the board, and Williams raced home on an error to put the Lady Tigers up 3-0. Red Level cut the lead to 3-1 in the bottom of the second, and that was how it stood until the top of the fourth, when Victori Edwards singled and scored on an rbi single by Sandra Lindsey to up the Elba lead to 4-1.

Red Level plated two runs in the bottom of the inning to pull within 4-3, but the Lady Tigers rallied in the sixth and scored four runs to open up a big 8-3 advantage.

A leadoff single by Jayla Gray was wiped out by a fielder's choice off the bat of Jaylyn Baker, but Victori Edwards was hit by a pitch to put runners on first and second, and Zaida Williams followed with a bunt single to load the bases. Sandra Lindsey ripped the first pitch she saw to the fence for a bases clearing triple, and Lindsey later stole home as the Lady Tigers

lead went to 8-3.

Red Level matched Elba's four-run outburst in the bottom of the frame to cut the lead to 8-7, and put the tying run on base in the bottom of the seventh after an Elba error. The next two Red Level batters got out on a grounder to third and a line drive to the pitcher, while Mikenzy Hooks went deep in the middle behind second and fired a strike to first for the third out as Elba survived and claimed the wild 8-7 win.

Sandra Lindsey had 2 hits, scored 1 run and knocked in 3 runs to lead Elba at the plate, while Victori Edwards added 2 hits and scored 2 runs, Makinna Gray added 2 hits, Mikenzy Hooks added 1 hit and had 2 rbi's, Zaida Williams had 1 hit and scored 2 runs, and Jaylyn Baker had 1 hit and scored 1 run.

Sandra Lindsey started the game at pitcher and allowed one run on one hit through two innings, while A'Maysia Whitfield picked up the win as she pitched five innings and allowed 3 earned runs on four hits.

Win area finale

Elba Tigers outlast Kinston 17-15

The Elba Tigers and Kinston Bulldogs closed out area play last week in a game that included 19 hits, 22 walks and 7 hit batters, and when the marathon contest finally reached the end it was the Tigers that had claimed the wild 17-15 win.

Kinston came out swinging and used key hits by Blaine Moore, Colby Copeland and Owen Patterson to grab an early 3-0 lead, only to see Elba answer back in the bottom of the first as the Tigers got rbi hits by Byron Johnson and Iverson

Lane to pull even at 3-3. Kinston regained the lead at 5-3 in the top of the second, but Elba again had an answer for the Bulldogs as the Tigers exploded for six runs in the bottom of the frame to grab a 9-5 advantage.

Blake Swan had a two-run double to help ignite the Tiger rally, while Chanler Coppage added a two-run single as Elba moved on top early.

The Tigers upped their lead to 10-5 in the third when Byron Johnson singled and later scored on an error off the bat of Iverson Lane, but Kinston bounced back in the fourth and plated two runs on a two-run single by Owen Patterson

to pull within 10-7.

Elba wasn't about to let its lead slip away; however, and plated four runs in the bottom of the fourth to extend its lead to 14-7. Isaac Watkins and John Martin Wilson were both hit by a pitch to open the inning, while Blake Swan followed with an rbi single and Byron Johnson ripped a two-run double and later scored on an rbi single by Iverson Lane as the Tigers finally took command.

Kinston scored three runs in the sixth to cut the lead to 14-10, only to watch Elba regain control and plate three runs in the bottom of the inning thanks to three walks, two errors and a two-run single by John Martin Wilson.

Kinston refused to quit and combined six walks, one hit batter and a single by Owen Patterson to pull within 17-15. However, the last Bulldog to bat was called out on strikes as the Tigers survived and claimed the wild 17-15 win to close out area play with a 3-4 record.

Byron Johnson had 3 hits, scored 3 runs and knocked in 3 runs to lead Elba at the plate, while Blake Swan added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 3 rbi's; Carson Wise added 2 hits and scored 1 run; Iverson Lane added 2 hits,

scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's; John Martin Wilson added 1 hit, scored 3 runs and had 2 rbi's; and, Chanler Coppage added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1

rbi.

Owen Patterson had 3 hits, scored 2 runs and had 6 rbi's to lead Kinston, and Colby Copeland added 3 hits and scored 4 runs.

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SPORTS

Tigers fall in game three of area series to Florala

The Elba Tigers traveled to Florala last week needing a doubleheader sweep to earn a spot in this week's playoffs, but after getting an exciting 5-4 win in the opener fell one run short in a 10-9 loss in the nightcap to see their playoff hopes dashed.

Following are highlights of both games:

Elba 5 Florala 4

The Elba Tigers scored three runs in the top of the seventh inning to pull off an exciting 5-4 win over the Florala Wildcats, to even the series at one game apiece.

Elba stranded runners at second and third in the third inning of a scoreless game as both pitchers dominated on the mound, but the Tigers grabbed a 1-0 lead in the fourth when Blake Swan led off with a single, moved to second on a hit by Iverson Lane and raced home on a Wildcat error.

Florala pulled even at 1-1 in the bottom of the frame, but Elba bounced right back in the fifth and went back ahead 2-1 thanks to three walks and a wild pitch.

The Wildcats combined one hit with one walk and one Elba error to plate two runs in the bottom of the fifth to move on top 3-2, and that was where it remained until the top of the seventh, when the Tigers erupted for three runs to regain the lead at 5-3.

A leadoff single by John Martin Wilson and a walk to Carson Wise put two runners on base with no outs, but two outs later both runners were still on base and Elba was down to its final out. After a walk to Iverson Lane loaded the bases, Paxton Wise delivered a two-run single and Chanler Coppage followed with an rbi single as the Tigers went back on top.

Florala took advantage of an Elba error to cut the lead to 5-4, but Elba's Blake Swan struck out a Wildcat batter with a runner on base to send the game and send the series into a deciding third game.

Paxton Wise had 1 hit and 2 rbi's to lead Elba at the plate, while Blake Swan added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; John Martin Wilson added 1 hit, drew 3 walks and scored 2 runs; Chanler Coppage added 1 hit and 1 rbi; Iverson Lane added 1 hit and scored 1 run; and Carson Wise drew two walks and scored one run. Blake Swan was the winning pitcher as he tossed a complete game 3-hitter with 9 strikeouts.

Florala 10 Elba 9

The Elba Tigers rallied from an early 9-0 deficit to pull within one run, but left the tying run on third in their final at-bat in a 10-9 loss to the Florala Wildcats, in the deciding game of the three-game series.

Florala combined one hit with two walks, one hit batter and one Elba error to grab a 3-0 lead in the bottom of the second, then combined three hits with two walks and another Elba error in the third to plate six runs as the Wildcats lead grew to 9-0.

Elba stranded runners on second and third in the third inning, but got on the scoreboard in the fourth and pulled within 9-2 when Byron Johnson drew a bases-loaded walk, moved to second on a fielder's choice and raced home on an rbi single by Paxton Wise. Wise later scored on a passed ball as Elba showed signs of life!

Florala upped its lead to 10-2 in the bottom of the fourth; however, the Tigers again came battling back and plated six runs to pull within 10-8. The Tigers loaded the bases with no outs after consecutive walks to Connor Burrow, Chace Sauls and John Martin Wilson, and while Burrow scored on an error, Sauls walked home on a bases loaded walk to Blake Swan. Wilson scored when Iverson Lane drew a walk, and Paxton Wise followed with a two-run single as Elba pulled within 10-8 with two innings left to play!

Elba left two runners on base in the sixth to slow down its late rally, but pulled within 10-9 in the seventh when Paxton Wise singled with one out and then raced home on an rbi triple by Connor Burrow. Burrow was stranded on base; however, as the Tigers saw the late rally fall short in the 10-9 setback.

Paxton Wise had 3 hits and scored 2 runs to lead Elba at the plate, while Connor Burrow added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's; Carson Wise and Iverson lane both added 1 hit and scored 1 run; Blake Swan added 1 hit and Byron Johnson scored 2 runs.

High School SCHEDULE

Thursday, April 18 (Softball) Florala at Elba (DH) Zion Chapel at Luverne Houston Ac. at Enterprise Ashford at Enterprise

Friday, April 19 (Softball) Zion Chapel, Kinston and Brantley in Andalusia Tournament

Saturday, April 20 (Softball)

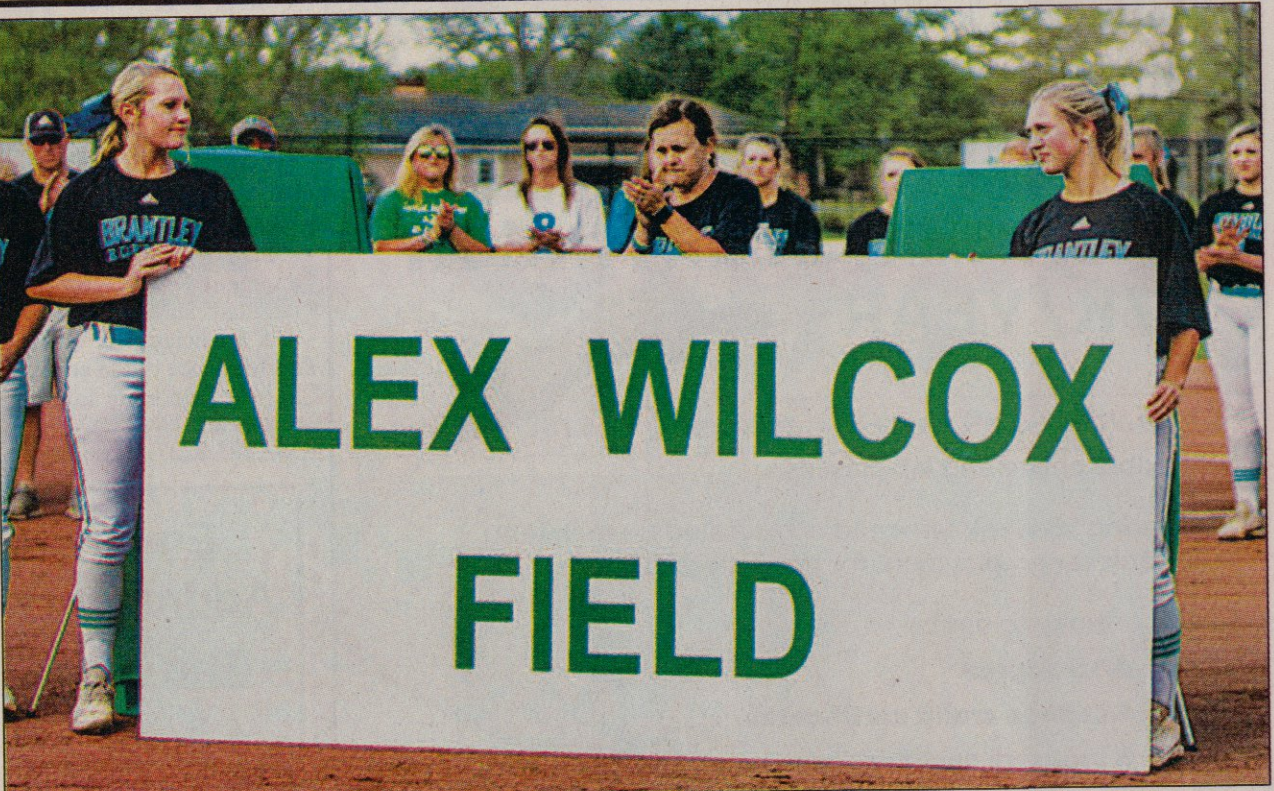
Zion Chapel, Kinston and Brantley in Andalusia Tournament

Monday, April 22 (Softball) Brantley at Florala Zion Chapel at H. Home

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Brantley Lady Bulldogs hold the sign officially naming the softball field at Brantley High School the "Alex Wilcox Field" in memory of former Lady Bulldog standout Alex Wilcox, during ceremonies last week prior to a softball game. (Photo by BC Sports Photography)

High School * Baseball * Softball * DIAMOND DUST

BASEBALL:

Brantley Bulldogs cage 'Cats 14-9

The Brantley Bulldogs used a six-run fourth inning to take command and rolled to a 14-9 win over the Arton Purple Cats. Adam Carlisle had 4 hits and 4 rbi's to lead Brantley, while Bryce Dunn drew 3 walks.

Brantley Bulldogs edge Trojans 12-11

The Brantley Bulldogs rallied from an early 7-4 deficit to post a wild 12-11 win over Charles Henderson. Greyson Layton had 4 hits, including a 2-run homer, and knocked in 3 runs to lead the Bulldogs, while Jake Kilcrease added 3 hits and Grant Odom had 2 rbi's.

Brantley clinches area title with sweep

The Brantley Bulldogs clinched the area title with a 15-3, 15-7 doubleheader sweep over the Kinston Bulldogs. In the 15-3 game one win, Adam Carlisle had 3 hits and 2 rbi's to lead Brantley, while Mark Nichols added 3 rbi's and Luke Kilcrease had 2 rbi's. In the 15-7 nightcap, Grant Odom had 3 hits and 3 rbi's, while Jake Kilcrease added 2 hits, Bryce Dunn had 3 rbi's, and Tucker Kilcrease had 2 rbi's. Owen Patterson had 3 hits to lead Kinston.

New Brockton blanks Goshen 8-0

The New Brockton Gamecocks pulled ahead early and coasted to an 8-0 win over Goshen. Andrew Cashin had 2 hits and 3 rbi's to lead the Gamecocks at the plate, and also was the winning pitcher as he recorded 10 strikeouts in five innings on the mound. Hunter Wallace added 2 hits and Clay Cotney and Ethan Stinson both had 1 rbi.

New Brockton falls to Goshen 6-2

The New Brockton Gamecocks fell behind 4-1 early and never recovered in a 6-2 loss to Goshen. CJ Wilkerson had 3 hits and 2 rbi's to lead the Gamecocks, while Ethan Stinson was the losing pitcher despite striking out 9 batters in 5 and 1/3 innings on the mound.

New Brockton blasts Goshen 16-3

The New Brockton Gamecocks exploded for 10 runs in the second inning to take command and rolled to a 16-3 win to clinch a playoff berth. Wyatt Woodell had 3 hits to lead the Gamecocks, while Clay Cotney added 2 hits, Hunter Wallace had 3 rbi's, Kaden Cupp and Kade Brunson both had 2 rbi's, and Cupp was the winning pitcher as he allowed four hits in five innings and struck out eight batters.

SOFTBALL:

Brantley falls late to Saraland 6-4

The Brantley Lady Bulldogs saw a late 4-0 lead evaporate in a 6-4 loss to Saraland. Olivia Jones had 3 hits to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while Emory Bush added 2 hits, Hannah Sims had 2 rbi's and Cassidy Wilcox had 1 rbi.

Brantley rolls over Enterprise 7-6

The Brantley Lady Bulldogs led all the way and held off a late rally to outscore Enterprise 7-6. Cassidy Wilcox had 2 hits, including a 2-run homer, and knocked in 3 runs to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while Anna Kimbro had 2 hits and 2 rbi's and Gracie Free added 2 hits.

Zion Chapel falls to Geneva Co. 12-9

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels fell behind 8-2 early and saw a late rally fall short in a 12-9 loss to Geneva County. Lexy Rugg had 2 hits and 3 rbi's to lead the Lady Rebels, while Addie Killingsworth added 2 hits and Kaylen McAllister had 2 rbi's.

Lady Rebels edged by Squadron 7-6

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels used a six-run fourth inning to grab the lead, but saw Highland Home rally late to escape with a 7-6 win. Addie Killingsworth had 3 rbi's to lead the Lady Rebels.

Brantley Lady Bulldogs blank Elba 11-0

The Brantley Lady Bulldogs led all the way to post an 11-0 area win over Elba. Hannah Sims had 3 hits and 2 rbi's to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while Elleigh Layton added 2 hits, Shante Barginere added a 2-run homer, and Lauren Hudson tossed a 4-hit shutout with eight strike-



Brantley Lady Bulldogs unveil the banner officially retiring the #8 jersey of Alex Wilcox during recemonies last week at Brantley High.

(Photo by BC Sports Photography)

outs. Mikenzy Hooks, Makinna Gray, Mckenlie Jenkins and Zaida Williams all had 1 hit for Elba.

New Brockton blanked by Goshen 3-0

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks failed to get on the scoreboard in a 3-0 loss to Goshen as the Lady Eagles Hannah Calhoun struck out 10 batters in five innings and also knocked in 2 runs.

Brantley gets past Benjamin Russell 7-5

The Brantley Lady Bulldogs jumped out to an early six-run lead and held on late to down Benjamin Russell 7-5. Emory Bush had 2 rbi's and Lauren Hudson struck out 8 batters in five innings to lead the Lady Bulldogs.

Brantley ousted by Saraland 5-3

The Brantley Lady Bulldogs watched an early 3-0 lead vanish in a 5-3 elimination game loss to Saraland. Anna Kimbro had 1 hit and 1 rbi to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while Cassidy Wilcox added 1 rbi.

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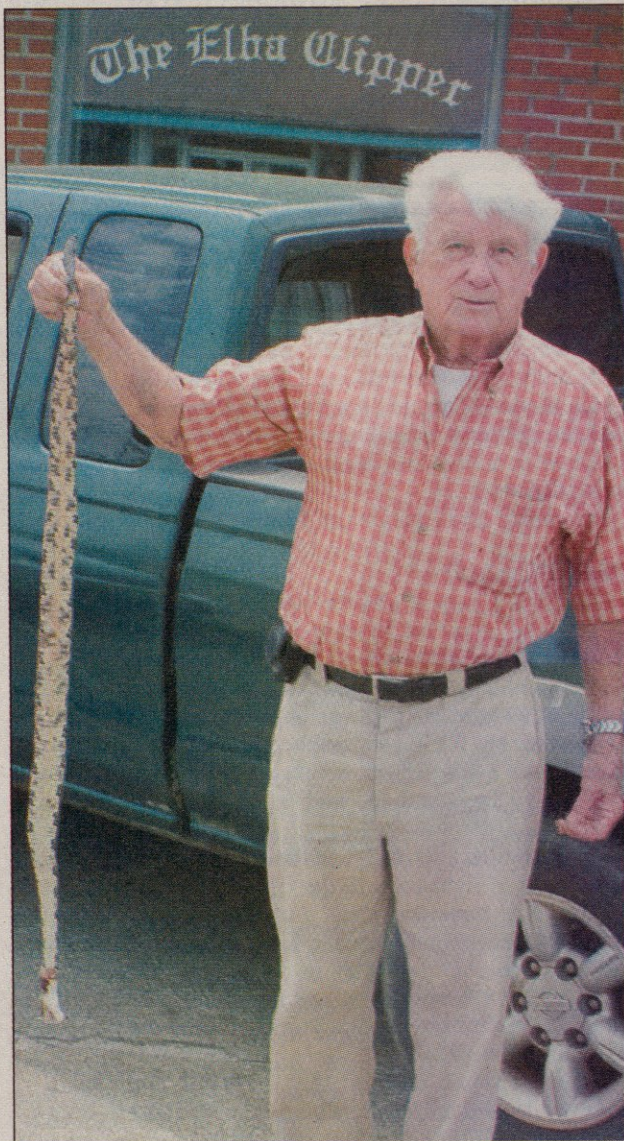
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BOBBY BULLARD is shown holding a rattlesnake he killed last weekend crawling on the carport of his home. He commented that he was working all around the area and is lucky not to have gotten bit before seeing the poisonous viper. Snakes are moving, and area residents are encouraged to keep an eye out for them. It was reported that during a 'work day' at Basin Baptist Church last Saturday morning, a timber rattler and another snake were killed in and around the church grounds by church members.

Elba Police Chief warns of Medicare/Medicaid phone scam targeting local citizens

Elba Police Chief Leslie Hussey warns citizens, especially senior citizens, of a new telephone scam hitting the area.

"We've had a few complaints already in our office regarding this scam," Hussey said. "I want to warn our citizens to be aware of the scam and ask them not to give any private information to anyone over the telephone."

Chief Hussey said this particular scam is a Medicare/Medicaid fraud scam as the caller will tell the potential victim that he/she has been approved to receive a free back or knee brace, and then will ask the potential victim to confirm his/her identity by giving out private information such as a social security number, etc.

"This is definitely a scam," Chief Hussey said. "Please do not give out any personal information over the telephone. Medicare and Medicaid have all that information on file and would never call and ask for it. Hang up if someone asks you to provide private information over the telephone."

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